

Examiner's interview with inventor

The applicant and his attorney wish to thank the examiner and her supervisor for the interview provided to the inventor on Wednesday, March 23 when the inventor/applicant was accompanied by Ralph Dowell of Dowell & Dowell and the undersigned attorney participated by telephone conference call. The inventor has observed that he felt that he received a very attentive hearing.

This Response was prepared prior to the applicant attorney's receipt of the examiner's interview record of April 13, 2011. The applicant has, based on that communication, taken the opportunity as suggested of amending Claim 21 into Jepson format. Otherwise, the draft Response previously prepared has not been further amended.

The Response following is essentially directed to requesting the examiner to withdraw her previous objections to the claims on the asserted basis that each of the claims addresses subject matter which is obvious, contrary to 35 USC 103. If the submissions are seen to be forceful and insistent, no disrespect is intended. The applicant/inventor sincerely believes that a valid and patentable invention is addressed by the claims, and the following Response is intended to assert that position unequivocally.

Amendments to the claims

Claim 21 has been amended as suggested by the examiner.

Claim 22 has been amended to add the presence of a ledge protruding along the base end of the wall panel on the side opposite to the flange side as discussed further below.

Claims 24 and 32 have been amended to add the presence of couplings positioned to serve as lifting loops, as discussed further below.

With the amendment of claim 24, the dependency of claim 29 has been changed from claim 24 to claim 21.

In Claim 37 the examiner's observations have been addressed by replacing the word "overlying" by the words "positioned adjacent and above". There's clearly support for these latter words in the disclosure.

Claim 40 has been amended to delete the redundant word "wherein".

Other claim amendments are reviewed in the Discussion which follows.